

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus for performing a color correction process on the basis of:

first color characteristic data indicating color characteristic with which a first image forming apparatus forms image data, and

second color characteristic data indicating color characteristic with which a second image forming apparatus forms the image data, so as to conform a result of an image into which the second image forming apparatus forms the image data to result in another image into which the first image forming apparatus forms the image data,

the image processing apparatus comprising:

an acquisition unit for acquiring the first color characteristic data and the second color characteristic data;

a generation unit for generating third color characteristic data, which is used in the color correction process, from the first color characteristic data and the second color characteristic data;

an evaluation unit for evaluating quality of the third color characteristic data;

a calculation unit for calculating a fee for generating the third color characteristic data on the basis of the quality obtained as a result of the evaluation; and

an accounting device for accounting for the calculated fee.

8-13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) An image processing method for performing a color correction process on the basis of:

first color characteristic data indicating color characteristic with which a first image forming apparatus forms image data, and

second color characteristic data indicating color characteristic with which a second image forming apparatus forms the image data,

so as to conform a result of an image into which the second image forming apparatus forms the image data to a result of another image into which the first image forming apparatus forms the image data,

the image processing method comprising:

acquiring the first color characteristic data and the second color characteristic data;

generating third color characteristic data, which is used in the color correction process, from the first color characteristic data and the second color characteristic data;

evaluating quality of the third color characteristic data;

calculating a fee for generating the third color characteristic data on the basis of the quality obtained as a result of the evaluation; and

accounting for the calculated fee.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The image processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the first color characteristic data is a device profile corresponding to the first image forming apparatus, the second color characteristic data is a target profile corresponding to the first image forming apparatus, and the third color characteristic data is a device link profile.

18. (New) The image processing method according to claim 14, wherein the first color characteristic data is a device profile corresponding to the first image forming apparatus, the second color characteristic data is a target profile corresponding to the first image forming apparatus, and the third color characteristic data is a device link profile.

19. (New) A data processing system comprising:  
a determining unit that, when a rasterizing process by use of a target profile is executed based on a request from a requester, determines a first fee corresponding to use of the target profile and a second fee corresponding to execution of the rasterizing process, the target profile representing a color characteristic of a target device; and  
an accounting unit that accounts for the first fee and the second fee to the requester.

20. (New) The data processing system according to claim 19, further comprising;  
a storing unit that stores a plurality of target profiles each corresponding to each of a plurality of target devices, wherein the storing unit outputs one of the target profiles so that the rasterizing process is executed.

21. (New) The data processing system according to claim 19, further comprising;  
a judging unit that judges whether or not the target profile is the latest version;  
and  
an acquisition unit that acquires the latest version of the target profile when the judging unit judges the target profile is not the latest version.

22. (New) A data processing system comprising;  
a request unit that requests a storing unit to transmit a target profile to the data processing system, the storing unit being on a network and storing a plurality of target

profiles each corresponding to each of a plurality of target devices, the target profiles representing color characteristics of the devices;

    a receiving unit that receives the target profile from the storing unit through the network;

    a generation unit that generates a device link profile based on the target profile received by the receiving unit and a device profile;

    a transmitting unit that transmits information, which indicates that the device link profile using the target profile is generated, to an accounting unit so that the accounting unit accounts for use of the target profile.

23. (New) A data processing method comprising:

    determining, in a case where a rasterizing process by use of a target profile is executed based on a request, a first fee corresponding to use of the target profile and a second fee corresponding to execution of the rasterizing process, the target profile representing a color characteristic of a target device; and

    accounting for the first fee and the second fee.

24. (New) The data processing method according to claim 23, further comprising;

    storing a plurality of target profiles each corresponding to each of a plurality of target devices, wherein

    the storing of the target profiles comprises outputting one of the target profiles so that the rasterizing process is executed.

25. (New) The data processing method according to claim 23, further comprising;

    judging whether or not the target profile is the latest version; and

    acquiring the latest version of the target profile when judging that the target profile is not the latest version.

26. (New) A data processing method comprising:
- requesting for transmitting a target profile which represents color characteristics of devices;
- receiving the target profile;
- generating a device link profile based on the received target profile and a device profile;
- transmitting information, which indicates that the device link profile using the target profile is generated.
27. (New) A computer readable medium storing a program causing a computer to execute a process for performing a data processing, the process comprising:
- determining, in a case where a rasterizing process by use of a target profile is executed based on a request, a first fee corresponding to use of the target profile and a second fee corresponding to execution of the rasterizing process, the target profile representing a color characteristic of a target device; and
- accounting for the first fee and the second fee,
28. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 27, the process further comprising;
- storing a plurality of target profiles each corresponding to each of a plurality of target devices, wherein
- the storing of the target profiles comprises outputting one of the target profiles so that the rasterizing process is executed.
29. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 27, the process further comprising;
- judging whether or not the target profile is the latest version; and

acquiring the latest version of the target profile when judging that the target profile is not the latest version.

30. (New) A computer readable medium storing a program causing a computer to execute a process for performing a data processing, the process comprising:

requesting for transmitting a target profile which represents color characteristics of devices;

receiving the target profile;

generating a device link profile based on the received target profile and a device profile;

transmitting information, which indicates that the device link profile using the target profile is generated.